

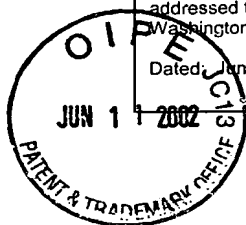
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Bearcroft, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/517,981

Filed: March 3, 2000

For: **SHAPED PARTICLE AND COMPOSITION  
FOR BONE DEFICIENCY**

Group Art Unit: 3738

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**AMENDMENT**

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2002 (Paper No. 10), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**In the Claims**

06/24/2002 19K1 (Amended Once) The particle of Claim 4 wherein said particle is comprised of bioactive glass. 36.00 CH  
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Please add the following new claims:

65. (New) The particle of Claim 1, wherein said particle is comprised of a resorbable material.

66. (New) The particle of Claim 1, wherein the extremities of said particle extend in a plane perpendicular to the central portion.

**REMARKS**

This filing is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2002 in the above-referenced case. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. As a courtesy to the Examiner, Applicants also provide a clean version of all pending claims on attached pages. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for One Month and the requisite fee.